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SUBJ: BOLIVIAN TOBACCO PRODUCTION

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1. ALL TOBACCO GROWN IN BOLIVIA IS DARK LEAF. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL GOB MIN AG STATISTICS, IN 1973 1,800 HECTARES PLANTED IN TOBACCO HAVE PRODUCED 2,100 METRIC TONS. BOTH AREA AND PRODUCTION FIGURES REPRESENT TWENTY PERCENT INCREASE OVER REVISED 1972 CALCULATIONS.

2. 1974 AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS NOT YET AVAILABLE. ON COMMERCIALIZED PART OF PRODUCTION, AREA AND YIELD ARE KNOWN TO HAVE INCREASED IN LAST TWO YEARS UNDER STIMULUS OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND PURCHASE COMMITMENT BY FRENCH ORGANIZATION SIETA. USING A ROUGH GUESS, WE WOULD ESTIMATE THAT IN 1974 PLANTED AREA WENT UP TO 1,900 HECTARES AND PRODUCTION TO 2,500 M.T.

3. PRODUCTION WILL PROBABLY DROP NEXT YEAR DUE TO SURPLUS PRODUCED IN 1974. TOBACCO INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE TOLD US UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT IN 1974 SIETA PULLED OUT OF BOLIVIA WHEN COOPERATIVES

THAT IT WAS ASSISTING INSISTED UPON UNECONOMIC PRICE FOR  
NEW PRODUCTION WHICH SIETA HAS INTENDED TO BUY. GOB AS  
RESULT ASKED LOCAL CIGARETTE MANUFACTURES BUY MORE LOCALLY  
GROWN TOBACCO THAN NEEDED.  
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